

# THE SIERRA MADRE NEWS

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## WILL DISCUSS WATER PLANT

### CONSIDER APPRAISEMENT

#### Water Board and City Trustees Seek Basis on Which to Talk Business

The appraiser selected by the Water Company directors to place a valuation on the company's property has made his report. At the request of the water board the City Trustees have appointed next Tuesday night for a joint session to consider it. While details of the report are not yet ready for publication it has been intimated by a director of the company that Mr. Finkle's estimate is in the neighborhood of the total bonding ability of the city and will need to be revised downward very materially before there can be serious talk of the city taking over the plant. It is with a view to reaching some satisfactory basis for talking business that the joint session has been called.

Tax Collector Lehmer reported at last night's meeting of the trustees that \$7,606.40 of the taxes for the current year have been paid in. This leaves \$683.92 delinquent out of a total of \$8,290.32.

A further extension of ten days' leave of absence was granted City Attorney Madden who is expected to return from the east within a few days.

#### CANYONS ARE BEAUTIFUL NOW.

Captain Osgood advises every one who would enjoy a scene of beauty to take a walk up into the Little Santa Anita canyon as soon as possible. To which the editor says "amen." The sycamore and maple leaves have turned yellow and on a sunny day the foliage seems to have turned bright golden when viewed from below. The rains have flushed the stream, cleaning out some of the summer debris and making a brook of large proportions. The new growth of green has come through the ground and carpeted everything with fresh vivid color. The golden foliage of the trees, when viewed against the fresh greens of the hillsides above form a rarely beautiful sight. The fading foliage of the deciduous trees is the nearest approach of our wild woods to the eastern autumn. But it is yet different. It is our second spring, something which has no parallel in the east. The new growth of grass and shrubs springing up just at the time when some of the trees begin their winter sleep makes a contrast somewhat strange to one not acquainted with the order of the woodland seasons in this climate. But no matter what part of the country you come from, follow the captain's advice on the first fair day and take to the woods.

#### SHORT WEIGHT AGAIN

Housekeepers should weigh the butter from time to time and keep a check on dishonest crameries, says Mr. Blumer.

One creamery, outside the state, whose butter is being handled by a Los Angeles commission house, and retailed in Sierra Madre, will bear watching.

When a roll of butter weighs close upon two ounces short it means a loss of about 6 per cent to the consumer. It behooves our merchants to keep a check on the creameries, and the commission men. It is the merchant who is responsible to the consumer.

## SIERRA MADRE RAINFALL

### Weekly Report Furnished the News by Mr. John G. Blumer

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|------------------------|-----------|
| October .....          | .82       |
| November .....         | 2.72      |
| December 2 .....       | .14       |
| December 5 .....       | .45       |
| December 7 .....       | .03       |
| December 8 .....       | .42       |
| December 9 (noon)..... | 3.72 4.76 |

Total to date..... 6.20

At corresponding date last season .....

2.80

With a rainfall of nearly four and one-half inches for the storm which seemed last evening to have ended, the soil had become so saturated that a large part of the water was running off instead of soaking in. However, the fall had been so uniform and long continued that the maximum amount of benefit was probably derived from it.

The Davisson Contracting Company were about the only losers by damage from storm water, though the uncompleted swale at the foot of Sunnyside was slightly damaged. Several rods of new cement gutter and swale were taken out by the storm water at the east end of Central Avenue where the Davisson crew has been at work. The work had not been accepted by the city.

Down in the Eaton's canyon wash west of town the big steam shovel in the Pacific Electric gravel pit is more than half submerged in water, mud and gravel washed down from the mountains. The removal of gravel will be stopped temporarily, but the shovel will be easily extricated when the water subsides. The pit is filling with gravel and before spring will probably be washed full of clean gravel and rocks, making a veritable gold mine for the company to work over again.

#### RETREAT BEGINS SUNDAY.

Sunday's services at the Congregational Church will have in view the prayer retreat to be conducted during the week under the auspices of the Interdenominational Prayer Union. Through a misunderstanding the series of meetings was announced for the present week in the last issue of the News. Fortunately, in view of weather conditions, the date is a week later. The program and speakers, however, will be as announced.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Dr. J. M. Campbell, the pastor, will speak on the subject "What We Expect from the Retreat." In the evening the speaker will be Rev. H. C. Waddell, director of the Prayer Union. His subject will be "Prayer Union Ideals."

#### NEW SANTA FE TIME CARD.

Attention is called to the new time card for the Santa Fe trains at Santa Anita station furnished us by Agent S. F. Borden. The changes are not of especial importance save that the motor car has been taken off and a train put on in its stead. This train carries baggage, which the motor did not. The time of most of the other trains has been changed a minute or two—enough to cause a person to miss his train if he forgot about the change. So take warning.

## SPECIAL TOURNAMENT TRAINS.

Sierra Madre is promised better car service for New Year's day than has been the rule in the past, which will probably cause a good many to attend the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena who would otherwise remain at home, remembering the infrequent and undependable service on similar occasions the past three years. B. L. Dowell, connected with the Pacific Electric passenger department, was here Tuesday seeking the indorsement of Board of Trade members for the plan which it is proposed to put into effect on that day. Instead of the regular schedule the company proposes to operate special through trains to accommodate as many persons as the ticket sale seems to justify. The special trains will be run both before and after the festivities, leaving here at hours to be announced later and returning at any hour specified by the local people. There will be no change at El Camino, which will be another advantage in the plan.

Tickets will be placed on sale soon for the round trip. The special trains will be sent out with accommodations for the holders of all tickets sold up to the night before, and with a safe margin of room provided in addition. The plan has been started at Long Beach and already three times as many tickets have been engaged as were sold last year when there was no through service and traffic conditions were similar to those prevailing on the Sierra Madre line.

## ORNAMENTAL GARDEN CALENDAR

In some sections of California little planting of annual seeds can be done at this time, but as a rule, especially near the coast, annuals wished for spring or early summer blooming may be planted during the entire month, says the California Cultivator. Deciduous trees and ornamental shrubs may be planted as soon as leaves show that they are perfectly dormant. This would be perhaps as well done in the latter part of the month but should not be deferred until buds begin to swell, for when that occurs, the roots have been forming for some time and best results will be lost. Roses may be planted later in the month, especially if they have been dried off so as to be perfectly dormant. The harder sorts may be handled at once and without so much care. Cuttings from dormant vines are so easily rooted in this state that it is sinful for every yard not to have an abundance of the very choicest of cut flowers. Make the cuttings eight or ten inches long. If the soil is sandy, place one-half to three-fourths of the length in the ground. If heavy, a little sand placed at the base of the cutting makes rooting more sure.

It is possibly a little late for sweet peas, but those who did not plant earlier or wish continuation of bloom can plant this month successfully. Pansies may be reset, as well as stocks, phlox, mignonette, candytuft, alyssum, cosmos and shirley poppies. Dutch bulbs which have not been planted should be put in the ground at once. Gladiolus are always in order, and for continuation of bloom this is a good time for planting. Eucalypts which were put in seed boxes earlier should be transplanted to flats at once.

## LADIES HEAR FINE PROGRAM

### SCANDINAVIAN PROGRAM

#### Monday Musical Club Holds Interesting Session With Large Attendance

The program of Scandinavian music given last Monday afternoon was the most largely attended of the season and one of the most enjoyable ever given before the club. It was given by Mrs. W. H. Jamison, pianist, and Mrs. I. H. Norton, contralto. Both ladies are well known in Los Angeles musical circles and rank highly. The musical numbers were interspersed with interpretative and illustrative remarks by Mrs. Jamison which added greatly to the enjoyment of the program. As a pianist, Mrs. Jamison's work is thoroughly delightful. Mrs. Norton's rich contralto voice rounded out the program in a very acceptable manner. Much of the Scandinavian music is more or less unfamiliar and it too often lacks sympathetic interpretation. For that reason the program of Monday was an unusual treat to most of the large audience.

## PREVENTION FUND STAMPS

The Christmas stamps of the Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis will be placed on sale in Sierra Madre, it is expected at this writing by the time the News is in print. The stamps are of handsome design, printed in colors and make an attractive Christmas greeting to affix to parcels and letters. They are sold at one cent each and may be obtained at the stores of Betts & Welsher, S. R. Norris, Oswald Kehlet, M. C. Doucet, W. E. Bechtelheimer or the News office.

Each stamp purchased will add one cent to the fund for the fight against consumption in this state. While the stamps are furnished by the state organization, three-fourths of the proceeds may be kept for local use. There is a great and growing need for funds to be used in this cause and it is hoped that a large amount may be realized from the sale of the stamps here. Other cities are taking up the plan and making a big thing of it.

## WILL PUBLISH COOK BOOK

The ladies of the Woman's Club are embarking on an enterprise which will help solve a great many Christmas gift problems and will also help the recipients solve a good many other problems. They are preparing for publication a cook book which promises to be one of the best arranged and handsomest books of the kind ever offered for sale. It is expected the books will be ready within a week and that they will be on sale at the basket sale announced elsewhere in this paper for Friday and Saturday of next week. The book will be made on the loose leaf system, the leaves being punched and tied with heavy cords. The book will be printed on bristol board, which will be durable and will lie flat when the book is opened and laid on the table. The ladies have been busy for some time collecting favorite recipes from a multitude of people.



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### WOMAN'S CLUB.

At the regular meeting of the  
Woman's Club next Monday afternoon  
the speaker will be Mrs. George A.  
Caswell, principal of Marlborough  
School, Los Angeles. Her subject  
will be "The Madonna in Art," on  
which she is unusually well quali-  
fied to speak. Mrs. Caswell has long  
been considered an authority on art  
has gained a wide knowledge of art  
subjects through study and extensive  
travel and her address will doubt-  
less be exceedingly interesting, as  
well as very timely at this season.

The next lecture in the Bruce Gor-  
don Kingsley series will be given next  
Thursday, December 16. The opera  
under consideration will be "Die Got-  
terdammerung." Mr. Kingsley has  
requested that all those attending the  
lecture plan to arrive not later than  
3:45 p. m. so that he can begin im-  
mediately after the arrival of his car  
from Los Angeles. This will obviate  
the necessity of a late conclusion of  
the lecture.

To help solve the holiday gift prob-  
lem the ladies have planned a basket  
sale to be held at the club house on  
December 17 and 18. Baskets of all  
sorts and sizes will be on sale, Indian,  
Japanese and other kinds. They will  
be inexpensive and otherwise. It is  
expected that most of those to be  
placed on sale will be at the club  
house for exhibition at the time of  
the meeting next Monday.

Those persons who attended the  
New Year's eve party of last year will  
be glad to know that the affair will  
be repeated this year, with some va-  
riations. There will be dancing and  
cards, with good music and refresh-  
ments. It is promised that the mid-  
night hour will bring a novel surprise  
which will be altogether delightful.  
No hint of the nature of it has been  
permitted to leak out, but it is ex-  
pected to furnish a fitting close for  
the evening's festivities.

My goodness, it is cold and damp  
this morning. Better call up Sierra  
Madre Fuel & Feed Co. and order  
some of that mesquite wood.

### THAT LEMON RATE

Editor Clover of the Graphic does  
not admire the grabbing policies of  
the railroads any more than the most  
ardent reformer, but he does believe  
in giving the devil his due. Regard-  
ing the much discussed advance in  
freight rates on lemons he says:

It is surprising to find so well-in-  
formed a journal as The Nation re-  
peating the erroneous charge in re-  
lation to the lemon rate raising by  
the railroads that La Follette's was  
guilty of doing several weeks ago. As  
we have pointed out repeatedly, the  
raise in the rate on lemons is 15  
cents a hundred pounds or only one-  
third of the bonus allowed by the  
new tariff law. The Nation says the  
railroads have hogged it all, an  
egregious blunder. As a matter of  
fact, the railroads have simply re-  
turned to the old rate in effect three  
or four years ago, the reduction to  
one dollar a hundred being made to  
help out the lemon industry, which  
was in the dumps at that time. As  
we recollect it, the roads advised the  
shippers that the new rate was only  
temporary, and would be rescinded  
whenever the situation warranted the  
restoration.

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him as far as China, but he got away.  
—Pittsburg Observer.

Clancy—Ol'm after a ticket to  
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an excursion ticket? One that will  
take you there and back? Clancy—  
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Politician (sarcastically)—I suppose you know how the country ought to be run. Citizen (humbly)—No; I'd be satisfied if I knew only how it's being run now.—Brooklyn Life.

"Is Brown's place in history secure?" "Secure! I should think it is. Six men have already made affidavits to prove that he doesn't deserve it."—Detroit Free Press.

**Brief Items of Interest**

Mrs. L. C. Torrance had as house guests over Sunday Mrs. Brooks, of Los Angeles, and Miss Mary A. Cowles, of Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright entertained at a theater party on Monday evening, their guests being Mrs. S. C. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Andrews and Mr. Mead, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Letteau were guests of Dr. H. G. Cates, of Los Angeles, at a dinner party on Tuesday evening. The guests afterward formed a theater party at the Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Marigold have come up from Long Beach and are quartered in the Evans cottage at Adams and Laurel avenues. Mr. Marigold expects to build immediately on his Auburn avenue lot, near Grandin.

Mrs. E. A. Hoffman entertained on Tuesday at her Central avenue home the ladies of the Los Angeles Bridge Club, of which she is a member. Luncheon was served and the afternoon was spent at bridge, three tables being filled.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hoffman had as dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Cabot Yerxa, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Letteau and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lawless. The feature of the repast was the ducks brought home by Mr. Hoffman from an outing at the Sunset Gun Club preserves.

The News has been requested to call attention to a Christian Science lecture to be given in Shrine Auditorium, Los Angeles, next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the speaker being William B. McCracken, of Boston. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Third Christian Science church, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. W. J. Lawless entertained on Monday with a bridge party and luncheon, having as guests of honor Mrs. W. H. Jamison and Mrs. I. H. Norton, of Los Angeles, who furnished the program for the Monday Musical Club in the afternoon. Two tables were arranged for bridge, which furnished a diversion during the afternoon. Following this a daintily appointed luncheon was served. The ladies invited to meet the honored guests were Mesdames Letteau, Stevenson, Osgood, W. S. Andrews, Camp, Baker, F. C. Wright, Weaver, Martin, Collins, Hoffman and Miss Hazel Hill.

Miss Ida L. Howard, a former resident of Sierra Madre, died at her home in Dowagiac, Mich., on November 24, according to a paper received this week by Mr. C. S. Kersting. Miss Howard came to Sierra Madre about a year ago with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Lecky. They purchased a lot and built a residence on Auburn avenue a short distance above Highland. They returned to their Michigan home in June and had expected to spend this winter in Sierra Madre, but were prevented from coming west by the state of Miss Howard's health. Her friends here were not aware that her condition was serious save from the fact that she had been expected to arrive here several weeks ago.

Mrs. M. Lyons and daughter, Miss Webber, of Altadena, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Slayton.

Miss Helen Wright, of Wheeler Heights, has gone to Highland for a few days, where she is engaged by the library association to give her lecture-recital, "Schubert, the Father of the Lied."

Philip Carter is taking a well earned rest from the strenuousness which prevailed around the county tax collector's office during the last three weeks previous to the date of delinquency.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Perrine arrived on Monday from Twin Falls, Idaho, for a visit with the latter's sisters, Mrs. E. M. Tufts and Mrs. E. J. Morgridge. They are accompanied by Mrs. Emma Cudihy, a niece of all three.

A. C. Groenendyke has given up his position as night watchman at Hamburger's store, Los Angeles, and is assisting H. P. Olsen at Live Oak dairy. The additional work which came with the acquisition of Mr. Bravinder's business made it necessary for Mr. Olsen to secure more help.

Members of the Volunteer Fire Department enjoyed their first social event at Town Hall last Saturday evening. A spread and smoker furnished entertainment, with a special attraction, it is reported, when Private W. P. Caley put on the gloves with some of the members of the department who are somewhat younger—in years.

The reception tendered Dr. and Mrs. George H. Cornell by the ladies of Ascension parish on Tuesday evening was a highly enjoyable affair, making more to be regretted the fact that the attendance was not larger. The reception was held at the Woman's Club house instead of at the rectory as was originally planned and announced. The new rector and his wife have made an enviable impression during their short stay in Sierra Madre and the greetings and good wishes extended to them were obviously heartfelt. The evening was spent with social conversation and a delightful supper was served by the ladies.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**

Church of the Ascension, Rev. Dr. George H. Cornell, rector. Third Sunday in Advent. Sunday school and rector's Bible class, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Wiggs—At the first night of Scribner's new play I understand there was a big house. Waggs—Yes, but most of the audience left early to avoid the rush.—Philadelphia Record.

Mr. Struykoil—That there sculptor feller says he's going to make a bust of me. Mrs. Struckoil—Henry, it's dreadful the way you talk. Say "burst," not "bust."—Philadelphia Record.

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**BY THE WAY**

Don't forget the good advice we handed you a year ago:  
Shop early.  
Shop at home.

Is it accidental or by design that Thanksgiving day comes before instead of after the opening of congress? Whatever the answer, it is well that it is as it is.

If you want a handsome and really appropriate label for your Christmas packages, something that represents the best type of Christmas spirit, stick on one of the anti-tuberculosis stamps.

A New York city office holder, a lawyer at that, has suggested that his own salary be reduced fifteen or twenty per cent hereafter. There seems little danger that his ailment will be contagious.

It might serve to make Christmas money go further to remember that it is not the cost of the gift that counts so much as what goes with it. "For the gift without the giver is bare."

Los Angeles has made an excellent beginning at cleaning house. It will next be in order for the county to "kick the rascals out." With the municipal campaign over, the politicians will turn their attention to the county election eleven months ahead.

Once again it has been impressed upon the public mind that the opposition of the Republican morning paper to any candidate is one of the best recommendations he could have. Perhaps the election pleasantries most commonly heard the morning after was "Won't the old general be simply crazy now?"

Maybe this is to be a dry winter. But from the standpoint of the gardener it would be difficult to suggest anything better than the weather we have had so far. There has been an abundance of rainfall for this time of year and the fall has been so gentle that most of the water soaked into the soil, very little of it running off even on the steep Sierra Madre slope. The early snows in the mountains mean that most of the precipitation is being stored in the soil by slow melting, where it will be kept safely till next summer. The cold, rainy weather is not pleasant for the

sick, and in fact few others enjoy it. But we can well afford to be thankful for it.

Speaking of aviation contests, the push politicians have been having one all their own and the Arcadia meet in January will have to produce some new records to meet them. The way the primary system has sent them up in the air is a delight to behold. It was said before the Los Angeles election that they did not know "where they were at." But the people showed them, and they woke up out in the cold. They will now run to cover and try to get things solidly fixed before the elections next fall so they will have the same old sure thing. Perhaps they can do it. But they may have another surprise in store for them. At any rate the citizens who believe in decent politics and honest government need to be awake for the politicians are preparing for a life or death struggle.

**TEACHING PLANT PROPAGATION**

Pomona College at Claremont is out with a little folder announcing a departure in education at that institution in a course in plant propagation and planting under the direction of the department of biology. The particular topics to be considered are preparation of soil for seedbeds, planting seeds, variation of treatment for special seeds and special purposes, handling of seedlings, cuttings and layering, methods of budding, grafting, seed collecting and selection, storing, testing, etc. Advanced courses contemplated: Identification of plants, principles of orchard planting, principles of parking, street planting, construction of lawns, etc.

This is a step in the right direction, for which the college authorities are to be commended. There is a big field for the first college in Southern California to carry the idea further and offer a first rate course in agriculture, horticulture and kindred branches, with especial attention to the practical problems peculiar to this section. The new college at Heber in Imperial Valley has planned work along that line but that is practically in another field and is not yet solidly enough on its feet to meet the demand.

It grates a little on old scholastic ideals to think of such things in connection with a college of liberal arts. But it should not be so. The increasing number of "electives" in modern college curricula leave time for a considerable amount of practical work along these lines in lieu of the purely scientific branches heretofore offered. Students pursuing these practical courses at a college like Pomona would be offered the advantages of general culture courses and refining influences too often absent in the purely technical schools to which the practical work has been heretofore confined. The denominational college of liberal arts also comes in more intimate touch with its constituency by meeting this demand which has been met only by state schools in the past. Some of the colleges of the middle west are finding that in this is one solution of the

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problem of the so-called small college. So far the field in Southern California is unoccupied except as above noted. The University of Southern California is obviously not suitably situated for such work and its development will be along other lines. Occidental College is looking for a change of location from Highland Park and may find itself able to handle such courses. Apparently it is up to Occidental and Pomona to grasp the opportunity, with the present conditions favoring Pomona.





# Old Santa Claus' Headquarters

## At The O. K. Cash Department Store

¶ Fine large assortment of well selected holiday goods—and the price and quality are certainly right. It will pay everyone to have a look. ¶ **TOYS** of every description, from 1c up—All kinds of games, watches, drums, horns, whistles, monkeys, donkeys and guns. Autos, flying machines, bronco busters and other mechanical toys. ¶ **DOLLS** of all sizes, kid bodies and dressed, doll jewelry, furniture, beds, cradles and trunks, china and tin dishes. ¶ **SPORTING GOODS** for the boys—baseballs, bats, mits, gloves and footballs. ¶ Box paper and envelopes from 10c to 75c. A big variety of post cards and Christmas cards. ¶ See our fine assortment of china and glassware. ¶ Did you see those men's ties, suspenders, arm bands and garters in neat Christmas boxes from 25c up? Also many other silk ties and handkerchiefs. We have men's and ladies' white cotton and linen handkerchiefs at all prices. ¶ Our line of jardinières, silverware and jewelry contains many articles which make attractive presents. ¶ You cannot afford to go away from home to do your Christmas shopping when you have such a fine assortment here to pick from. ¶ **COME IN AND LOOK ANYWAY.**

## O. K. Cash Dept. Store

### CARE IN PICKING

Manager Pritchard of the Placencia, Orange county, Orange Growers' Association, issues a circular to members in which he says:

"Before beginning another shipping season I wish to urge every one to unite with us in demanding better service from the help in the careful the car. It has been proven without handling of fruit from the tree to doubt that most of the decay comes from clipper cuts and stem punctures and bruises, all of which can be avoided if every grower will do his best. The board of directors has decided it is very necessary for us to have a packing gang. A good man will be put in charge with the power to hire and discharge, and no excuse will be accepted for keeping inferior help. The directors also decided that springs should be used on the wagons, and you are hereby notified that no fruit will be received unless handled on wagons having springs. I would suggest that every grower would procure a canvas cover for his wagon, to be used in hot dusty times as well as in damp weather. Care must be taken in picking fruit during cold weather, when it is damp from rain, dew or fog, all of which causes brown spots and often decay."

Get a bunny for a Christmas present. Red. 33.

Mrs. Finletter and her husband had just moved into a fifteen-dollar seven-room house. The first Sunday morning there, as Mr. Finletter sat with his newspaper on his little porch and all the neighbors on both sides of the street sat with their newspapers on their little porches, Mrs. Finletter suddenly came to the front door and shouted to her husband in a loud, vexed tone: "Hilary Finletter, will you or will you not come in to luncheon? The champagne is nearly flat and you know how soon

a dish of terrapin gets cold!" Finletter tossed down the comic section and hurried indoors with a dazed smile. "What are you kidding me for?" he asked as he looked at the rump steak and potatoes on the dining table. "It's not you, Hilary, I'm kidding," said his wife. "It's the neighbors."

Oak wood is cheapest because it is best. Sierra Madre Feed & Fuel Co.

Senator Tillman at a recent banquet told this story: "The pastor of a Tallapoosa church," he began, "said rather pointedly from the pulpit one Sunday mornin: 'Ah sutny am rejiced to see Bruddah Calhoun White in de chu'ch once mo'. Ah's glad Bruddah Calhoun ha' saw de error of his ways at lawst, fo' there is mo' joy obah one sannah dat repenteth dan obah de ninety an' nine—' But at this point Brother Calhoun White interrupted angrily: 'Oh,' said he, from his seat, 'de ninety an' nine needn't crow. Ah could tell some things erbout de ninety an' nine ef Ah wanted ter.'"

In the gray light of early morning the traveler in Scotland faced the night clerk resolutely. "You gave me the worst bed in the inn!" he began, indignation in his voice and eyes. "If you don't change me before tonight, I shall look up other lodgings." "There is no difference in the beds, sir," the clerk replied, respectfully. The traveler smiled ironically. "If that is so," he said, "perhaps you wouldn't mind giving me the room on the left of mine." "It is occupied, sir." "I know it is. By a man who snored all night, and was still at it ten minutes ago. His bed must be better than mine, or he couldn't sleep at a maximum capacity of sound eight hours on a stretch." "The beds are all alike, sir. That man has been here before, and he always sleeps on the floor, sir."

## Some Christmas Bargains

Grand View avenue lot--street work all paid for  
Special December price - - - - \$400

50x150 foot lot--5 room modern cottage, sidewalk and curbing, fine shade, good surroundings, close in, on terms, at - - - - \$2400

80x186 foot lot--south front, very fine view, price, \$150 down, balance at \$15 per month - - - \$850

### WHY PAY RENT?

110x190 foot corner--sidewalk and curbing, good soil, good restrictions. \$200 down; balance by the month. Price - - - - \$850

Central Avenue corner--close in, all street work done, fine view. Reduced from \$1000 to - \$750

Grand View corner--south front, good view, on good terms, at - - - - \$1100

East front, cement sidewalk in, easy terms \$350

### WHY PAY RENT?

100x190 foot lot--3 room house, two live oaks, plenty of fruit and berries, good soil, sidewalk and curbing. Price - - - - \$1500

These are but a few of our bargains. Why not make the family a present of something like this for Christmas?

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The Highwayman — Hands up! Give us your money, or I'll blow your brains out! The Victim—Blow away! You can live here without brains, but not without money.—The Sketch.

"Who is the blindfolded party with the pair of scales?" asked the stranger in the art gallery. "That represents justice." "Oh! I thought it was a sugar weigher."



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## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—350 feet of 4-inch water pipe, nearly new, at half price; 2 brown canvas tents \$2 each; cull walnuts 3 cents a pound. A. A. Rice, phone blue 11. 9

FOR SALE—Iris roots, all shades, 25c per doz. Also anemone roots, St. Brigid and Giant French. Bannatyne, E. Grand View. 10\*

FOR SALE—Homer runt pigeons, mated pairs. Squabs weigh about 1½ lbs. Ian Bannatyne, E. Grand View Ave. 10\*

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FOR SALE—Oak and greasewood, \$7 per cord. P. C. Carter, Phone Blue 40. 11\*

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FOR SALE—Pony, harness and buggy, cheap. F. R. Yerxa. 8tf

FOR SALE—New bungalow, east front, 5 large rooms, plastered, beamed ceilings, grate, two chimneys, fine plumbing. Seventh house north of Grand View on Lima. For particulars address Mrs. Belle H. Kuhn, 927 Grattan street, Los Angeles. 1tf

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WANTED—Upright piano box. Phone Black 42.

WANTED—Girl for housework. Apply O. K. Cash Department Store. 6tf

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WANTED—Small wood cook stove. Address Box 155. 10

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## AT THE THEATERS

## Majestic.

The attraction at the Majestic Theater, Los Angeles, next week will be a big production of Rex Beach's dramatization of his own novel, "The Spoilers," acclaimed generally as the best of all Alaskan plays and which won fame for its talented author both as novelist and playwright. "The Spoilers" will be at the Majestic all through the week with a popular-priced matinee Wednesday and a matinee Saturday. At the head of the producing cast is Miss Margaret Oswald, an actress of fine attainments and extended reputation.

## Burbank.

Crowded attendance at the Burbank Theater throughout the past week, the house having been packed to the doors at every performance, rainy nights included, has induced Manager Oliver Morosco to keep "St. Elmo" on for another and its last week. The play, dramatized by Willard Holcomb from Mrs. Augusta J. Evans' famous novel of the same name, has proved one of the most popular offerings made at the Main street house this year and undoubtedly could continue profitably through a third week were it not for the fact that Mr. Morosco has decided to produce Sardou's "Divorcons" before Miss Blanche Hall leaves for the east. Miss Hall herself is anxious to play Cyprienne in this drama as her farewell role and Mr. Morosco will accede to her wishes in the matter. The Sardou play likewise will serve to introduce to Burbank audiences Miss Ethel von Waldron, the company's new ingenue, who comes here from Chicago where she was a member of the Bush Temple stock company up to the time the Bush Temple Theater was transformed into a vaudeville house.

The car was crowded, but all the women had seats. On the platform was a middle-aged man, apparently respectable. On a side seat was a girl in old rose, with cheeks to match. The man on the platform caught her eye for a moment, and threw a frantic kiss. The girl first smiled, then blushed furiously. He threw another and she turned away a crimsoned face. "That will about do for you," said the big, rawboned conductor. "Go home to your wife." This didn't seem to worry the apparently respectable man, and, catching a glint from the girl's eyes, threw another kiss. She turned her face to study carefully a toque hat across the car. At the Manhattan end of the bridge the girl rose to leave the car. The man who was trying to flirt with her also faced the sliding door. By that time all eyes were on the pair, the conductor was madd all through and a couple of passengers edged dangerously close. The girl in old rose took the arm of the apparently respectable man, and said in a silvery tone that all could hear: "Oh, papa, how could you!" Then everybody laughed at a joking father and a lovely daughter.

"Nice car." "Yes." "Is it the latest thing in cars?" "I guess so; it has never gotten me anywhere on time yet."—Houston Post.

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Church—Ever make any money on a Wall Street tip? Gotham—Yes; a fellow told me to keep away from there.—Yonkers Statesman.

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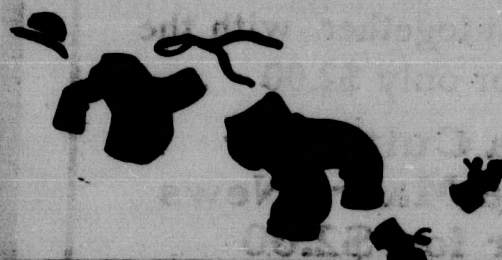
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#### SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Pupils and teachers of the public school are busily preparing for the entertainment to be given next Friday evening at Town Hall. It will be a Christmas program and the proceeds will be used to purchase articles for the decoration of the school rooms. The admission charge will be 10 and 25 cents. The program will begin at 8 o'clock.

##### Program.

A Christmas Song.....School  
My Own United States.....School  
Recitation.....Marius Kehlet  
Recitation.....Elsie Webster  
A Christmas Crazy Class.  
Song—The Request....Third Grade  
Recitation.....Harold Craig  
Trials at Headquarters.  
Song—Jack Frost.....School  
Recitation.....Willie Olsen  
Christmas Morning Pictures,  
First and Second Grades  
Recitation.....Esther Olsen  
A Christmas Information Bureau,  
Don Baxter  
Song—Santa Claus.....School  
Five Fat Turkeys.....First Grade  
Christmas Wishes of Mother Goose,  
Fourth Grade  
"Santa Claus, Jr., Substitute."

##### Characters.

Santa Claus.....Arthur Evans  
Mrs. Santa Claus.....Ruth Shumway  
Santa Claus, Jr.....Raymond Spencer  
Aurora, his sister.....Anna Kehlet  
Rev. Beecher.....Wm. Wright  
Mrs. Beecher.....Flora Wagoner  
Harvey.....Curtis Flint  
Dotty Dimple.....Lorraine Wright  
Miss Primrose.....Isabel Craig  
Mr. Stacker.....Robert Steinberger  
Brownie.....Groff Brown

#### NEWPORT'S GAS TROUBLES

Perhaps the people of Sierra Madre who are worrying along with gasoline and oil cook stoves hoping that the advent of gas service will render the purchase of a wood stove unnecessary can get some comfort out of the following item from the Newport News:

"The gas plant in this city was built by the company owning it at the present with an idea in mind of supplying a village instead of a fast growing beach city. The connections made by the company the first three months the plant was in operation more than doubled their estimation of the amount of business they would have. The plant is wholly inadequate at the present time to supply the needs of the city in the summer when everything is crowded and the plant must be enlarged by having another holder and scrubber built. With the internal strife existing in the Home Gas & Electric Co., there is not much show of having these improvements made. The question arises, what is the city going to do to insure all the gas we need and good gas at that, gas that will burn in a stove or make a light? The answer is easily found by voting for the gas bonds at the election on December 21st."

One feature in Newport's experience which is of interest to Sierra Madre is the fact that the company which built that plant is the one which started all the gas agitation in Sierra Madre a year ago. The plant at Newport, then just completed, is not as large as the one they proposed to erect here, however. Another point of interest is the fact that after using gas, even poor gas insufficiently supplied, for a year, the citizens are so sure of the benefits of gas service that a municipal ownership move-

ment is given considerable headway. A fellow feeling will prompt the hope among Sierra Madre people that they have their election ordinances drawn up by a competent attorney.

#### A MODEL CAPITAL

It is proposed that the permanent capital of the Australian Confederation shall be a city built upon an entirely unoccupied site and planned in advance in every detail, says an exchange. The new Australian republic will follow the methods by which the capital of the United States is being absorb real estate in the American capital will be prevented in the Aus-

made unique among the cities of the world, and there is reason to suppose that the numerous errors which were early committed in the matter of permitting private individuals to tralian capital. The site which has been tentatively agreed upon is in New South Wales, and is described as being an elevated plain of about 1000 miles in area, shut in by mountain ranges on three sides. It is watered by a clean mountain stream formed from melting snows, which has a daily mean average flow of 52,000,000 gallons. The federal government of Australia proposes to invite world-wide competition in the planning of the city.

## Everyday Bargains

Cranberries 15c a quart, 2 quarts for 25c

Heinz Apple Butter 50c a jar

Heinz Mince Meat 3 lb. jars for \$1.00

Burnham's Clam Bouillon 50c a quart

Heinz's Sweet Gherkins 30c a bottle

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